Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, There are more than 205,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States with 690 practicing in the state of South Dakota, providing high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered, and personalized health care; and,

Whereas, Nurse practitioners order, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions, and prescribe medications and other treatments; and,

Whereas, The excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by nurse practitioners is established and well-documented; and,

Whereas, The faith and trust that patients have in nurse practitioner delivered health care is evidenced by the more than 916 million visits made to nurse practitioners annually; and,

Whereas, Nurse practitioners provide health care to people of all ages and in diverse health care settings such as private office practice, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed care facilities, and retail-based clinics; and,

Whereas, More than 18 percent of nurse practitioners practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000; and,

Whereas, Nurse practitioners are truly partners in the health care of their patients, so that in addition to clinical services, nurse practitioners focus on health promotion, disease prevention, health education and counseling, and guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 8-14, 2015, as

NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State